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End Violence
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Save the date:
End Violence Against Children Solutions Summit
Stockholm, 14-15 February 2018

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Every five minutes, a child dies as a result of violence. Almost one billion children are subjected to physical punishment on a regular basis. An estimated 120 million girls and 73 million boys have been victims of sexual violence. All children, girls and boys, must have their rights respected and must be protected from violence. In 2015, world leaders made a commitment to end all forms of violence against children by 2030, as part of the Sustainable Development Goals.

I am pleased to invite your Government to save the date of a Solutions Summit that will be convened in Stockholm, Sweden, on 14 and 15 February 2018.

The event will be co-hosted by the Government of Sweden, the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children, and WePROTECT Global Alliance, with the support and collaboration of the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, as well as relevant UN agencies, NGOs and private sector actors.

This Solutions Summit will assess progress and challenges as well as create a forum for sharing and learning between governments, companies, law enforcement agencies, international organizations and NGOs. It will be structured around three goals: building political will; accelerating action; and strengthening collaboration. The framework is Agenda 2030 and fundamental values such as equal opportunities and children's rights are at the center.

The Summit will present an opportunity for countries to share achievements and highlight the work that makes a difference in the lives of children. It will also be used to bring together governments with all sectors, to focus on tackling the many threats to children, both offline and through the use of technology. Increased efforts and investment in prevention is fundamental to sustainable development and to ensure that every girl and every boy can be developed to their full potential.

I look forward to seeing you in Stockholm.

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